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# News Release

## **ICE ARRESTS 21 WHILE EXECUTING SEARCH, ARREST WARRANTS**

*Three residents arrested on criminal charges; 18 arrested on administrative charges*

WELD COUNTY, Colo. — Three residents here and 18 illegal aliens were arrested early this morning during the execution of search and arrest warrants by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) special agents.

At about 6 a.m. this morning, ICE special agents executed search and arrest warrants at the Hudson, Colo., residences and property of Moises and Maria Rodriquez, and their son Javier Rodriquez. The warrants were executed on suspicion of alien smuggling and money laundering following a Federal Grand Jury five-count indictment. All three people targeted in this operation were arrested and are in federal custody on criminal charges.

During the execution of these warrants, 18 illegal aliens were encountered and administratively arrested in the process; 17 are from Mexico, and one is from Fiji.

During the operation, two handguns were also seized, and more than \$120,000 in cash.

“We’re working to restore integrity to the immigration system,” said Jeffrey Copp, special agent-in-charge of the ICE Denver office. “We’re partnering with the U.S. Attorney’s Office and other law enforcement agencies to combat this complex problem, including addressing employers who knowingly hire illegal aliens.” Copp heads the ICE Office of Investigations which includes the states of: Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and Idaho.

This investigation is ongoing.

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